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model that has at once met with approval is on these lines. Extremely simple in design, the gown has a charm that at once attracts attention and admiration. The lining is of white or some pale color liberty satin and the body of the skirt and waist is of black voile de soie, but there are wide flounces of black velvet and the waist is heavily trimmed with the velvet.

If worn under a long fur coat this gown

for luncheon or card party is the perfection of taste, while to serve as a model for a most attractive summer frock there could be nothing more suitable if taffeta be substituted for the velvet. For a bridesmaid's gown, made in pale yellow, pink or mauve, the model is extremely smart also, and while in the one color it is delightfully effective, the fashion for contrast in color has here an excellent opportunity, for it has been successfully copied in odd shades of blue and light brown,

Black Panne Velvet Gown.

Maison Rondeau

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Combining two colors of velvet is most unusual (and, incidentally, is not to be rashly undertaken), but there are some smart and effective models now exhibited that carry out this scheme successfully. A most unusual model is in black and gray panne velvet, the skirt and upper part of the waist being black and the lower part of the waist and sleeves of light gray. Both the combining of colors and the design of the skirt and waist are absolutely novel and very smart. In copying the model only the lightest, softest of velvets should be used, and care should be taken that the skirt be not too full or the waist too loose in effect.

Panne velvet is softer and lighter in weight and is, therefore, more easily made up into gowns than the other varieties, and

this year is more than ever fashionable. In many of the newest skirts the drapery is caught up at one side and the folds fall into graceful lines; then the model where the material is draped closely around the figure also is effective in the soft panné velvets, which have an exquisite tone and lustre, whether in black or colors. Both are fashionable, but black is the smarter. Whether satin or satine are the popular trimmings, and the amount of white used with the black is astonishing. The entire front panel of a gown will be of white sateen in the sharpest contrast to the black velvet, and then there will be no other trimming. This is one of the latest fashions and will also be copied in the spring styles, but always with taffeta silk in place of satin or velvet.

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